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# THE JUDEX SCHEME

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The Judex Scheme was published by The Western Producer (Saskatoon, Sask.) in the Open Forum on August 24th, 1939. It was endorsed unanimously in 1939 and again in 1940 by District 13 of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in convention at Saskatoon. It is here revised and brought up to date to suit post-war conditions. It is a scheme to distribute the Wealth of Canada to everyone so fairly that poverty will vanish from our midst. The scheme is so simple that a child of 12 can understand it and so foolproof that I defy all the professors of the world to prove it is either unjust or would not work. The scheme is neither confiscation nor repudiation. It is neither inflation nor deflation but stabilization.

For the success of the scheme it requires the friendly co-operation of the provinces with the Dominion. This could be obtained by the Dominion lending the provinces what money they require free of interest.

The first thing that the Dominion Government should do is to stop borrowing money. It is the prerogative of a government to make money—not to borrow it.

It would be necessary for the Government to fix prices (the manufacturer too long has been permitted to do so, until the consumer has to pay from 2 to 100 times too much for everything he buys). Prices could best be fixed by the Government establishing a Marketing Board under the Minister of Trade and Commerce. This Board would act as wholesalers for the Dominion; everything produced in the Dominion would be bought by the Board. The Board would sell to the retailers and fix the price at which the produce should be sold.

The Government would create new money to pay the producer and would receive it back again from the retailer, thus ensuring perfect circulation.

There would be no need for tariffs or trade agreement as the Board would do all selling and buying.

There would be no need for Dominion taxes, as the profits from the wholesale business would run the country.

As the Government would fix prices there could be no inflation or deflation.

Hours of labour would have to be reduced until everyone was working, and wages

would have to be fixed high enough so that everyone could enjoy the luxuries that over-production permits. Old Age Pensions would be fixed on the same scale, also the age reduced to 50 years.

Employers and labour would be represented on wage fixing committees, and all classes on price-fixing committees.

The Government would honour all existing debts, paying them off when due, but without incurring new ones.

Under the Judex Scheme the Dominion Government would obtain the real wealth of the country for money that would cost it nothing; sufficient of that wealth is required by other countries to enable Canada to obtain by barter all the goods she requires which she does not produce; any surplus of goods Canada may have over after obtaining all she requires should be given under "Lease-Lend" to countries needing them. Cut-throat trade rivalry which means low wages, unemployment and poverty, also another war in 20 years, must cease.

"Lease-Lend" must be substituted for cut-throat world trade.

The Dominion Government having ceased to need taxes, the provinces would be able to obtain by taxes all the money they require for social service, etc.

The returned soldier should be treated generously, money should be lent him free

of interest to set up in business or farming if he wanted to.

This above all, ladies and gentlemen, send a petition to the Prime Minister at Ottawa:

We the undersigned demand the "Judex Scheme." Get your friends to sign it, and flood Ottawa with your letters.

Unless something is done, and powerfully quick, we are headed for the greatest depression the world has ever seen, because the "Powers that be" will not admit that world trade is a thing of the past. Also, that work for all can only be found by reducing hours of work.

The Judex Scheme is neither Socialism or any other ism, but applied Christianity.

Are we a Christian nation, or a nation of Hypocritical Humbugs"?

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(Newspapers may copy.—R. J.)

